## BLEW SAFE, SHOT POLICEMAN. BURGLARS INTERRUPTED IN THE

MIDDLE OF THEIR JOB. Five in the Gang and Four Got Away

-Man Who Shot the Policeman Caught -All Happened While Sleuths Filled the Station House-Nothing Stolen. The Oak street station was full of sleuths.

big and little, brought there by the murder in James slip, when a wounded policeman was carried in about 11 o'clock last night. The policeman, Henry Pierson, had been shot by one of a gang of "yegg men" or panhandlers who broke into the building at Peck slip and Pearl street occupied by Isaac A. Sheppard & Co., dealers in stoves and ranges, and smashed the safe into bits with a charge of dynamite.

The man who shot Pierson was caught; the others got away. There were at least five men in the gang.

Two of them were noticed walking up and down on the Peaul street and Peck slip sides of the building about 10:30 o'clock It was not long after that the neighborhood was aroused by a terrific report which came from the building.

Jack Walsh a watchman for Baker & Williams, bonded warehousemen in Water street, had seen the two men in front of the Sheppard company's building and when he heard the report he rushed up. One of the two men he had seen earlier was standing in front of the building.

"What are you doing around here?" asked the watchman. "You want to get

"You can't make me," replied the man-Just then Pierson came up and then the man to whom the watchman had been talk-

ing scooted.

The building is on the southeast corner and the policeman started to walk around. On the Peck slip side he found a cellar door unlocked but shut. The door was flush with

the street, and as the policeman lifted it up he stood behind it. The watchman was standing at his side. When the policeman got the heavy door fully open three men jumped up from the cellar. Each had a revolver and each blazed away at the policeman and watch-man. One of the bullets took an inch of skin from the watchman's hand, but the policeman wasn't hit then.

Walsh pulled his revolver and snapped a few times, only to find that it wouldn't off. The policeman chased after one of the men, who dashed up Pearl street. His two companions randown Pearl street, and, according to people in the neighborhood,

the two men who had been hanging around the building turned into Peck slip. The man whom Pierson chased had one of the tin cash boxes from the safe under his arm. The polteeman had his revolver out, and he yelled to the man to stop.

"Damn you, if you don't stop," shouted back the man as he slowed down to a trot,

The words were hardly out of the man's mouth when two flashes came from the revolver he carried. Pierson was hit twice, a bullet entering the back of each hand. It is supposed that he put his hands up in front of him when the safe breaker fired.

ed. Before the man could turn again, Police man George Farrell of the Oak street sta-tion, who had heard the shooting, was on top of him and had struck him over the head with his club. Pierson had collapsed and Farrell snapped the handouss on the Some one telephoned to the Hudson

street hospital for an ambulance, saying that a policeman had been shot, and the hospital sent word to the Oak street station but without saying anything about the without saying anything about the

hanging around the station rushed out have been few arrests. They figured out that three members of the gang had gone into the building through the cellar door while two others The safe was in the rear of the first floor

of the building on the Peck slip side. The floor of the room in which it had stood was littered with checks, bills and papers and the safe itself was demolished. Two tin cash boxes had not been touched. So far as is known, nothing was stolen although it is possible that the men who

got away may have grabbed up some money.

The tools used by the safe breakers were found lying around the wrecked safe. They included a drill, a brace and a piece of with the arrival of the ambulance and

reenforcements from the station, Police-man Farrell started for the station with his prisoner. Pierson, the injured man was put in the ambulance and taken to the relice station. The watchman said that his wounds were trifling and he'd stav sround the building. The prisoner and the wounded policeman

the prisoner and the wounded policeman got to the police station about the same time. When the handcuffed man was shoved up against the railing by his captor in spectors McClusky and Schmittberger were at the desk talking with Assistant District Attorney Garvan and Coroner Jackson. A bunch of sleuths stood around. "Safebreaking and shooting a police-man," said Farrell, jamming his prisoner, who seemed scared out of his senses, against

the railing.
"What," shouted McClusky, "he's one of that Park row gang! He's a tough man. Where did they break the safe?" Farrell hurriedly told him.

"Telephone to the Detective Bureau and get whatever men are left down to that shouted McClusky. "Tell 'em

"Get out the reserves," yelled Schmitt-berger. "Call the patrol wagon. Get men down there and surround that building." Mcclusky made one grab for the prisoner and yanked him into Capt. Lantry's room. Then he shut the door, keeping every one else out. The inspector stayed in the room for about ten minutes and when he reap-

peared he seemed to be happy.

"His name," he said, "is Walter Davis, he's 27 years old, a sailor, and he refused to tell his address. We've got him with the goods. His hand is powder marked where the first the pistel. e fired the pistol.

"He had an empty bottle in which there was some nitroglycerine left. The pocket in which he carried the bottle is soaked with nitroglycerine which had been spilled. He's undoubtedly the mechanic of the gang and he drilled the hole in the safe. After the explosion he evidently jumped into the wreck and grabbed the cash box."

Coroner Jackson took care of Pierson as soon as he was brought in. The Coroner says that the policeman was suffering says that the policeman was suffering greatly from shock and his heart had almost stopped beating.
"Luckily," said the Coroner, "I was able

o give him a hypodermic injection and I hink that saved him. There is no doubt hat he was almost dead." Jackson extracted the bullets from one

of Pierson's hands. The other he couldn't get out. Pierson didn't want to go to the hospital, but Inspector Schmittberger made him. "He's a fine fellow," said the uspector. "He worked under me in the Tenderloin. We'll take care of him. Pretty soon Assistant District Attorney Garvan rushed out of Capt. Lantry's room and said he wanted an ambulance. Something had been provided the prisoner. It thing had happened to the prisoner. It was thought that he might have been shot Coroner Jackson examined him, but couldn't find any bullet wound. The prisoner had fainted and was stretched out on a couch. oroner Jackson gave him a hypodermic

"Somebody punched him in the stomach, Burnett's Vanilla Extract sold by all the best grocers everywhere, try it.

said the Coroner. "All the wind had been knocked out of him."

The ambulance doctor who came couldn't tell what the matter was with the prisoner.
"He's shamming," said McClusky, "lock

"He's shamming," said McClusky, "lock him up."
"No, you won't," said the doctor, "he's going to the hospital. I'm not going to let him die in a cell."
Two policemen were sent along and instructed to keep the man handcuffed all night and sit by his side.
"He'll try to break out of the hospital if you don't watch out," warned McClusky.

PART OF M'CLELLAN'S SLATE. McCullagh, It's Said, Will De Deputy Police

Head. Mayor-elect McClellan will announce four appointments to-day. For what offices

these men will be named Col. McClellan would not say last night. The rest of the slate, it is understood, will be made known on Wednesday. Col. McClellan spent two hours yesterday with Charles F. Murphy. They met at the

Colonel's house, 10 Washington Square North. Afterward Col. McClellan went for walk, dropping in at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where he told reporters that no announcements would be made before to-day. In the evening he saw Mr. Murphy again. Insistent rumor that William McAdoo is to be Police Commissioner carried with it yesterday this slate for his appointments:

First Deputy, ex-Chief John McCullagh whom Devery displaced and whom Gov Odell declined to reappoint as Superintendent of Elections. Second Deputy, Henry F. Haggerty of

Brooklyn, Senator McCarren's partner. Third Deputy, Thomas F. McAvoy, Tam many leader of the Twenty-third Assembly district, a former police inspector; or Wau hope Lynn. Among the other guesses Nicholas Hayes

s talked of for Fire Commissioner, Charles L. Guy for Tenement Commissioner, Dr. John B. Cosby for Health Commissioner, George E. Best for Charities Commissioner, Charles H. Knox for President of the Municipal Civil Service Board and Matthew Donohue, who was understood to have been selected for Tenement House Commissioner, to be appointed Commissioner of Sewers by Borough President Ahearn.

Old-timers on the list of guesses are John C. Oakley for Water Commissioner, Patrick Keahon for Street Cleaning, Pat Peenan for City Chamberlain and William Hepburn Russell for Commissioner of Accounts Thomas F. Byrnes for Park Commissioner

of Brooklyn and E. J. McGuire for the same office in The Bronx are said to have been considered, as well as James H. Tully of Brooklyn for Bridge Commissioner and James P. Kane of Brooklyn for Tax Commissioner.

BOSTON ROUND-UP OF CROOKS. Murder of a Chinaman in a Hold-Up Started a General Raid.

Boston, Dec. 20 .- That Boston is the neadquarters of a desperate gang of thugs and crooks who do not stop even at murder was shown last night when Ong Tov. s laundryman, was waylaid on Chelsea street, Charlestown, shortly before midnight and so badly battered on the head that he died this evening at the Relief Hospital. The Chinaman was robbed.

The killing of the laundryman is the climax in a series of hold-ups and petty thefts that have kept the people of Boston stirred up for a month. Night after night reports have come in to the police of crimes safe blowing.

Two detectives of the score who were well dressed grab thieves, and yet there

lar part of the city. More of the crimes have occurred in the Back Bay than any other place. Several big hauls of diamonds and jewelry have been made by flatworkers and in several cases robbery from the person has been accomplished by assaulting the victims.

To-day the police began a general crusade

against crooks, and as a result seventy-five men were rounded up and will be railroaded out of town to-morrow or sent down to Deer Island for vagrancy. Twelve inspectors from Police Headquarters did the work, starting in at 6 o'clock this morning when all the cheap lodging houses were raided, one after another, and the "catch was sent to the city prison in patrol wagons Most of the men arrested were hoboes but the police say that they have caught some who are professional thieves. One object of the raid was to capture, if possible, the man who robbed the Metropolitan Coal Company's office last week. One o the burglars was killed by the police and

## TURKEY'S APOLOGY.

ing in this city.

#### Full Reparation Promised for the Insult to Consul Davis.

it is believed that the others have been hid-

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 20.—The Porte has notified the American Legation, both verbally and in writing, that instructions have been sent to the Vali of Aleppo to order the Governor of Alexandretta to call upon W. R. Davis, the American Consul at that place, immediately upon his return from Beirut, whither he went following an attack upon him by Turkish police in Alexandretta, and offer a complete apology for the language and treatment applied to him on the occasion of his attempting to put Attarian, a naturalized American, on board

a steamer. The Porte has agreed that Attarian shall be allowed to leave Alexandretta without molestation, and promises that the police officials who assaulted Mr. Davis shall be punished. The American cruiser San Francisco, with Mr. Davis on board, was expected to arrive at Alexandretta yesterday. The incident will be closed if the Turks carry out their promises.

M'CLELLAN BUY HOMESTEAD? Report That He Wants to Possess His Father's Old Home.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 20.-It is reported that George B. McClellan, Mayorelect of New York, would like to regain possession of the home of his father, the late Gen. George B. McClellan, which is sit-uated on the mountain side in West Orange. Although it is many years since the house was built, it is in excellent condition. contains twenty rooms, one of which is finished in ebony. It is owned by William Harrison of New York and has been closed a long time.

## Dies at the Age of 105.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 20 .- Mrs. Henrietta Marshall of Webster died last night at the insane hospital aged 105 years 4 months and 12 days. She was a native of Poland, being born on Aug. 8, 1798. For six years she had been an inmate of the asylum, having developed a mania for walking the streets day and night.

## AMERICANS ORDERED OUT.

NOTICE SERVED BY COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES AT DARIEN.

Panama Says Serious Trouble Is Reported There-Force Sent North by Colombia Now Helleved to He Hound for the Island of Old Providence-Military Base to Be Established There.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PANAMA, Dec. 20 .- Serious trouble is re-

ported in the Darien district. The Americans who arrived there to-day were notified by the Colombians to leave in twenty-four hours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- According to despatches to the Navy Department, the 500 Colombian troops which embarked on the gunboat Cartagena and sailed "to the north," are bound for the island of Old Providence, where, it is supposed, they will establish a base of operations against the Isthmus. The movement may be intended as a bluff, but the naval authorities will take no chances, and United States war vessels will be assigned to patrol the north coast of the Isthmus between Colon and the Costa Rican border, while others will endeavor to get definite information as to the whereabouts of the Colombians. But, as was said in THE SUN this morning, no aggressive act will be committed by the navy in connection with the protection of the Isthmus from a Colombian invasion.

Old Providence Island is to the north of St. Andrews Island and directly off the central Caribbean coast of Nicaragua. The island belongs to Colombia and is attached politically to the Department of Bolivar. There is no dispute about its ownership. Government officials acknowledge that the naval authorities have no warrant to interfere with the establishment of a base of operations on any Colombian territory during the maintenance of the present nominally friendly relations between the United States and Colombia.

It is probable, in view of the protest made by Gen. Ortiz against the landing of a party from the United States cruiser Atlanta to ascertain the location of his military camp near the mouth of the Atrato River, that further landings of American bluejackets or marines on Colombian territory will be forbidden. The instructions sent to Rear Admirals Glass and Coghlan, to refrain from taking any action that might precipitate a conflict with Colombian troops, are believed to be general enough to prevent the likelihood of aggressive progress on their part. It was learned to-day, however, that the course of Commander Turner of the Atlanta in sending an officer ashore on Colombian territory to locate the forces of Gen. Ortiz is approved by the Administration.

Old Providence is 275 miles from the nearest point on the Isthmus. This point is at least 375 miles from Colon by an overland route. It is just about 300 miles by water from Old Providence to Colon. Administration officials are confident that it will be impossible for the Colombians to land on the Isthmus, and they are therefore puszled to understand why Colombian troops are going to Old Providence Others think the report that that is their destination is erroneous.

One theory is that Colombia wishes to precipitate hostile action on the part of the United States navy in the hope of creating public sentiment in this country against he Roosevelt Administration

Gen. Reyes, the Colombian envoy, very much encouraged over the opposition of the Democrate in the Senate to the attitude of the Administration toward Colombia and the Panama Republic.

#### ANTI-ZIONIST FIRED AT NORDAU. Assallant Not an Anarchist—The Author Not Injured.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PARIS, Dec. 20.-Chaim Selik Louban, the Russian Jew who attempted to kill Max Nordau at a ball given by the Zionist Society at the Salle Charras last night, is a crank opposed to the Zionist novement. He recently came to Paris from Bern. It was a first thought that he was an Anarchist, but a search of his lodging revealed nothing to confirm this belief. Nordau was not hit by the two shots fired, but a bystander was wounded.

#### MORE ANTHRACITE FOUND. Bed of Hard Coal Discovered Beyond the Limit of the Present Bed.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 20.—Considerable excitement has been caused here by the discovery of great beds of pure anthracite coal, beyond the limits of what has heretofore been considered the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania. At Auchey's station, in South Manheim township, one of the farming districts of Schuylkill county, W. W. Sowers of Pottsville, drove a prospecting drift and found a six foot vein of valuable coal.

This is a sufficient quantity to keep a large colliery busy for years. Sowers has leased 600 acres and has started development of the tract. The new colliery will be three miles south of Sharp Mountain, which all geologists have heretofore considered the terminus of the anthracite

Many farmers in the Manheim district, spurred by Sowers's success, have also started prospecting, and expect to sell their farms for big prices.

#### HIS ROOMERS WERE BURGLARS. Pollock Makes a Discovery When Pollo Break Into Their Room.

Henry Pollock, who runs a furnished room house at 172 First avenue, reported at the Fifth street police station last night that two young men, who roomed together in his house, had not been seen for several Pollock said that he was afraid something

had happened to his lodgers, or that there had been a double suicide on his premises.

At his request the police went over and broke into the room. The thing that first attracted their attention was a kit of burglar's tools on the table. Then they found twenty-four pawn tickets hidden under the carpet and a big assortment of clocks, jewelry and clothing stowed away in the closet and under the bed.

The stolen stuff was carted over to the

police station, where two batches of it were identified by Henry B. Clapp of 245 East Thirteenth street, and Morris Renyi 263 East Tenth street, as property that

Latest Marine Intelligence. Arrived: Ss Caribbee, St. Kitts, Dec. 15; ss Min-neapolis, London, Dec. 10.

Undertakers Afraid to Bring Them Out Because of Strikers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.-Chicago established a record in the matter of funerals to-day. So far as could be learned to-night by inquiry at the undertakers' offices, few were held and for these, in almost every instance, "dead wagons" were used instead of hearses.

Despite the declaration of the officials of the striking Livery Drivers' Union that the dead would be respected and hearses allowed to be used without interference, undertakers refused to court trouble by letting the hearses leave their barns. Not a livery carriage moved on the streets all day long.

It is to the livery carriages especially that the strikers are directing their attention. All day pickets were at the doors of livery stables prepared to balk any attempt to put the banned vehicles on the streets. Livery owners reduced the possibility of trouble to a minimum by keeping their rigs idle.

ALEXANDER HAFF A SUICIDE. Under Indictment for Robbery in the Post Office, Where He Worked.

Alexander Haff, who, as superintendent of foreign mails in the Post Office in this city, was arrested last October and indicted for stealing money from registered letters, committed suicide last night by shooting himself in the head at Broadway and 139th street. Haff was to have been tried next month.

He left his home at 518 West 145th street yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, after having told his wife that he was going for a walk. A man who was interested in his trial had been at the house talking to him and Haff was considerably worked up.

About 9 o'clock Policeman Phalof of the West 125th street station heard a shot as he was standing at Broadway and 142d street. He ran in the direction of the sound and found a man lying on the sidewalk, three blocks below, bleeding from his head and with a revolver lying beside him. He was taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, where he died at 10

A letter in the man's pocket gave a clue to his identity and later friends called and established the fact that it was Haff. He leaves, beside his widow, five children.

Haff had worked for the Government in the postal service for twenty-four years and his record was such that the inspectors, when they began to investigate, hesitated about hurting his feelings by questioning him. Haff was 49 years old. He was a member

of the Lincoln Republican Club and was formerly an active political worker in his

ARSENIC IN CHRISTMAS CAKES. Four Children of Paterson Mill Superintendent Seriously Poleoned.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 20 .- Four children of William Pross, superintendent of the Hawthorne Silk Mills, were poisoned by eating colored Christmas cakes, and only great effort on the part of a doctor prevented the death of the youngest child, William, aged 2 years.

The Prosses live at 439 East Eighteenth street. While shopping, Mrs. Pross visited a store in the Riverside section of the city, noticed a quantity of gingersnaps on which was pink and white icing in the shape of animals. She later sent her daughter Madeline, 9 years old, for a pound of the

The four children, Madeline, Louisa, Philip and William, ate the cakes, and vomiting and convulsions followed. Dr. Joseph Bergin was called, and found the baby nearly dead. He worked over the little fellow for three hours, and finally saved his life. The other children were also very

Mrs. Pross would not give the name of the storekeeper from whom she bought the cakes, as he is an old man who just manages to eke out a living from his small busi-

Dr. Bergin says he is satisfied that the children were suffering from arsenical poisoning.

#### SAYS PARKER WILL ACCEPT. Hoke Smith's Brother, Who Has Been Visiting the Judge, Talks on Politics.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20 .- "Judge Alton B. Parker of New York will accept the Democratic nomination for President if it is offered to him. He will have the full support of Tammany for the nomination. and if nominated he will be elected." said Burton Smith to-day. He is a brother of Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior under Cleveland, and is president of the Georgia Bar Association, before which Judge Parker spoke last summer.

Mr. Smith has returned from a visit North, during which he was the guest of Judge Parker at his home. "I find that party leaders everywhere," continued Capt. Smith, "favor the nomination of Judge Parker, thinking him the one man who can rally the party and lead it to victory "He was on the bench during the silver

fight and consequently, acting simply with the dignity becoming his office, he was kept from taking a part in the partisan faction. Still he supported all party nominees, and his loyalty cannot be questioned

"Judge Parker will decline to talk politics at all, until after the Democratic convention has spoken, but if the nomination is offered him there will be no hesitancy as to accepting it. Tammany delegates will go to the convention prepared to support him and everything points to a successful campaign for him."

Senator Proctor Done Out of a Moose. Senator Proctor of Vermont went to the pier yesterday to meet a friend who arrived on the St. Paul. While waiting for the ship to warp in the Senator, who is an enthusiastic sportsman, told of the moose he

"I regretted the special session of Congress very much," he said, "because it made it impossible for me to go into the woods to shoot my annual moose.

Stabbed in the Heart, but Walked a Block SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.-Ike Chambers, a half breed Indian, to-night murdered his brother, Joe Chambers, on the main street of the city, by plunging a knife into his heart. After he was wounded Joe walked a block searching for a physician, but finally dropped dead. Both were

trunk. The murderer was captured.

Brotherhood Champagne-Save the duty .- Ada

# NO HEARSES USED IN CHICAGO. FREDERIC R. COUDERT DEAD.

LAST OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE NOTED LAW FIRM.

Represented This Country on the Venezuela Boundary and Behring Sea Com missions-Son of an Exiled Frenchman - Funeral at the Cathedral.

Washington, Dec. 20.-Frederic René Coudert, the distinguished New York lawyer, died at his residence here this morning of heart disease, in his seventy-second

Mr. Coudert, accompanied by his family came to Washington about two months ago, leased a house in the fashionable quarter of the city and intended to remain until spring. His illness began about a week ago, although he had several attacks previously, one last summer at Oyster Bay He afterward took a trip to Europe and returned much benefited. His wife and three daughters were a

his bedside when the end came. Mr. Coudert's body will be taken to New York to-morrow, and the funeral services will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday.

Frederic René Coudert was born here in 1832. His father, Charles Coudert, a teacher of French in this city, came from France when sentenced to death for his vert in the comprised to place the Duke eart in the conspiracy to place the Duke of Reichstadt on the throne of that country. or Reichstadt on the throne of that country. Frederic R. Coudert entered Columbia College at the age of 14 and was graduated four years later at the head of his class. He read law in the office of Edward Curtis, and in 1853, when he had attained his majority, was admitted to the bar.

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During his college course and while a student of law Mr. Coudert supported himself by work done in the time not devoted to his studies. After his admission to the bar, Frederic, Charles and Louis Coudert formed the firm of Coudert Bros.

Charles and Louis Coudert died some Charles and Louis Coudert died some years ago. Frederic R. Coudert, Jr., is now the only one of the name in the firm. Coudert Bros. soon acquired a large prac-

ice. Frederic was always its mos spicuous member. He was selected by his fellow lawyers to prepare the memorial to Charles O'Conor. He was also one of the lawyers selected to oppose the passage of the Code of Civil Procedure which of the Code of Civil Procedure which the Legislature subsequently adopted. His own practice was made up largely of cases involving foreign interests in this country. This branch of the business ultimately grew so large that branch offices of the firm were opened in Paris.

Although never a candidate for office, Mr. Coudert was for many years active in Democratic politics. The only office he ever held was the honorary place of School Commissioner. He was an ardent supporter of Mayor Grace, and in 1884 worked valiantly for the election of Grover Cleveland.

In 1877 Mr Coudert was a delegate to represent the interests of American com-

merce in the International Congress on the Law of Nations held at Antwerp, and five years later he attended a meeting of five years later he attended a meeting of the same congress at Liverpool. He won great praise as the American representative in the Behring Sea Commission at Paris in 1895. A year later, when President Cleveland sought and obtained authority from Congress to appoint a commission to investigate Venezuela's boundary dispute with Great Britain, Mr. Coudert was appointed a commissioner, with United States Supreme Court Justice Brewer, Chief Justice Alvey of the Court of Appeals of the District of \*Columbia, Andrew 1D. White of this city and President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University as his associates. Their report led to the arbitration of the disputed questions at Paris in the same year.

Paris in the same year. As president of the Supreme Court Commission to pass on the advisability of the Broadway tunnel, Mr. Coudert reported in favor of the plan, but the court declined to confirm the report in favor of the plan, but the court defined to confirm the report. He had been president of the Columbia University Alumni Association, the Manhattan Club, the Catholic Club and the Bar Association and was always a zealous Roman Catholic. His son Frederic R. Coudert, three daughters. ters, Mrs. Virginie Benedict, Mrs. John B. Bellinger, whose husband is a Colonel in the United States Army, and Miss Renée Coudert, and his wife, who was Miss Eliza-

### beth McCredy, survive him. OLD SALEM CHURCH BURNED. Famous South Congregational Structure

Destroyed by Fire. SALEM, Mass., Dec. 20.-The historic South Congregational Church was destroyed by fire last night, the loss being estimated t \$40,000. The society carried \$25,000 insurance. The fire started at 6:30 o'clock

and at 8:14 the tall spire fell. The church was the pride of Salem. Its spire was said to be the best work of the architect, Samuel Macintyre, and was modelled after a design by Wren. Nothing was saved from the church. The organ all the pictures and books and the Sunday school library went up in smoke.

The church was also called the Third Church of Christ in Salem, a name given to it nearly a century and a half ago. The present edifice was erected in 1805. The spire was blown down once while being built. Famous men have been pastors of the South Church. The Rev. Daniel Hopkins was settled there in 1776, and served thirty-six years. The Rev. Dr. Brown Emmerson was assistant and pastor for sixty seven years, until the church came to be known as Dr. Emmerson's church. The Rev. R. E. S. Atwood was assistant pastor twenty-four years.

## BIG GIFT TO FATHER BURKE. Worker Among the Negroes.

When the Rev. John E. Burke, rector of St. Benedict the Moor, the Roman Cathstruggle and hence is antagonized by no olic church for negroes of this city, arrives here from Europe on Wednesday he will receive a check for nearly \$20,000, most of which was made at the lecture by Chap lain Chidwick in Carnegie Hall last night The gift is recognition of the quarter century of the missionary's work among negroes. Bourke Cockran presided at the meeting and introduced Chaplain Chidwick as ""the champion of morality and the hero of the Maine."

In his address Mr. Cockran spoke opti-mistically of the future of the negro in America. He referred to the work of the church among them in this city as be "the most difficult and important mis of the day." Among other things he said I believe in the future of the negro. Emani believe in the niture of the negro. Emancipation does not mean extermination for him. He is full of force, provided the moral development be encounted. Here in our country a race of 10,000,000 is an important factor in the national life and one which should receive the consideration and wise aid of every citizen as well as every voter.

Father Chidwick in his lecture, "The Catholic Church in the Far East," touched upon the condition in the Philippines and sustained the position of the friars. The best test of their good work, he said, was the 300 years of their labor in a savage country with 1.5 military protection. "The opposition of the American forces to the friars," Father Chidwick said, "was policy, not principle. In order to gain the friendnot principle. In order to gain the friend-ship and confidence of the insurgents, they expressed such sentiments frequently against their sense of justice."

# THREAT TO BLOW UP TRAIN?

Anonymous Letter Sald to Have Been Received by New Haven Road.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 20 .- The extraordinary vigilance which the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad has shown in having detectives guard its Adams Express night train, between here and New York, is explained by a story told here to-night.

It is that President Mellen of the New Haven road received, about ten days ago s letter threatening the blowing up of the train unless \$5,000 blackmail were paid by the road.

The letter, according to the story, said that the train would be blown up unless the money was paid by Dec. 15. The train indicated leaves New York at 11 P. M., | yesterday who had been murdered and and arrives here at 1:15 A. M.

WHOLE NEW SCALP FOR GIRL, The Skin Transplanted Taken From Her Own Body.

scalp in a straw making machine last Tuesday, was provided with a new scalp yesterday afternoon. The skin transplanting was done by Dr. P. E. Bush of 45 Charlton avenue, Manhattan, and Dr. Julius F. Zenneck of 204 Elev-

the influence of ether two hours. The area of the skull which the doctors covered with strips of skin taken from the girl's body was sixty-four square inches. Dr. Zenneck said the operation was a success surgically, but he could not promise that all the skin would grow where it had been transplanted.

#### PLATT PENSIONS "OLD TOM." Express Horse, Named for the Senator, to Retire to a Life of Ease.

WILKES-BARRE, Dec. 20. - Society women of this city, who appealed to Senator Thomas C. Platt, president of the United States Express Company, have received news that Old Tom, a horse which has served the company in this city nineteen years without missing a day, will be cared for in comfort.

After Christmas, Old Tom, who is named after the Senator, will have a box stall at Jersey City and live a life of ease for the rest of his days. The horse did the route through the best residence part of this city for nineteen years, and women took great interest in him. Some of them called on Senator Platt recently and asked him to "pension" the horse. The animal is unusually intelligent.

#### GAYNOR PAYS KIRK \$40,000. The Fugitive Contractor Reimburses His Syracuse Bondsman.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 20 .- Former Mayor William B. Kirk has recovered \$40,000 from Col. John F. Gaynor, who is making an enforced stay at the Chateau Frontenac, in Quebec the amount of a bond escheated by the United States Government for Gaynor's appearance for trial in Georgia on charges of fraud in connection with work done in Savannah harbor. Mr. Kirk has paid several visits to Quebec for the purpose of persuading Gaynor to reimburse him for his loss. After his last visit, Gaynor called his brother and son to Quebec, and arrangements were made to pay Mr. Kirk.

# SCARED BY EXPLODING GAS.

of Flame Follows. Folks living near Seventieth street and Amsterdam avenue were badly scared about 8 o'clock last night by an explosion of gas in a manhole at that corner. The manhole cover was blown about twenty feet in the air and the cobblestones were sent flying in all directions. A pillar of

In a few minutes they had another round flame shot up from the hole. on the table two bundles which he had It is thought that the gas, which had escaped from a defective main, was set off by sparks from crossed telephone wires in the

## E. T. GERRY ANSWERS WATTERSON

Aving in the Moon (Newport) Better Than Looking at It Through a Telescope. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 .- "The gallant clonel should go to Newport in order that he may realize the advantages living in the moon has over looking at it through a telescope," said Elbridge T. Gerry of New York

at the Portland Hotel last night. This is the "smart set's" answer to Col. Henry Watterson, censor of public morals. "I don't think of anything more to say to Col. Watterson unless it be that the methods by which he hopes to reform evils, if evils exist, are very bad," added Mr. Gerry.

## BABY BUFFALO IN THE PARK. Black Diamond, the Big Bull, a Holiday

Season Father. A baby buffalo was found in the Central Park menagerie yesterday, and the keeper went into the office of Director Smith and said he guessed Santa Claus had sent the stork around with an early Christmas gift. The baby is a female. Her father is Black Diamond, the majestic old fellow with the big mane who has posed for so many photographers and artists.

### FELL FROM ELEVATED; KILLED. Workman May Have Been Startled by a

Small Explosion. Nicholas Crosby, a track inspector on the elevated road, fell from the Second avenue structure to the street just north of the 111th street station last night and was killed.

Policeman Stannel, who saw the man fall, said that at the same time there was a loud report from beneath a passing train and a shower of sparks. What caused

that wasn't known.

Crosby wasn't hit by the train and it is supposed that the explosion startled him so that he fell or jumped.

#### REASSURED BY WIRELESS. News That Their Son Is Better Reaches

the Kauffmanus at Sea. J. W. Kauffmann of St. Louis and his wife and daughter, who arrived yesterday on the St. Paul, were called home from Paris by

a cablegram announcing the serious illness of Mr. Kauffmann's son. On the way over they received a wireless message to the effect that the son was better.

At Antwerp Mr. Kauffmann bought 700 cigars. He was obliged to pay a heavy duty to take them from Belgium into France, and on his arrival here he had to pay another other duty amounting to about five cents on other duty, amounting to about five cents on each cigar.

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## SECOND RIPPER MURDER HERE

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CRIMINAL SUPPOSED TO BE A SWEDISH SAILOR.

Slashed a Woman of the Street Much as "Old Shakespeare" Was Mutilated in 1891-He Had Apparently Just Come From Bridgeport, Where He Told a Story of Shipwreck-is a Big Fellow, Like the Dane Suspected of the Murder "Frenchy" Did Ten Years For.

Down in the old clapboarded three-story hotel" at 11 James slip, a short block from the East River front, a woman was found slashed and mutilated almost exactly as the old woman "Shakespeare" was butchered at the East River Hotel nearly thirteen years ago. The murderer, the police think, is a Swedish sailor. A Dane was suspected of murdering "Shakespeare," after another Margaret Carroll, 15 years old, of 222 man had spent ten years in prison for the crime.

Willow avenue, Hoboken, who lost her The woman murdered yesterday, like "Shakespeare" and like the victims of the London "Ripper" murders, was a woman of the streets. People in the neighborhood say that she called herself Sarah Martin and that she said she was the wife of Martin enth street, Hoboken. The girl was under Larsen, a deep sea sailor.

Last night detectives all over town were searching for the man who killed her. Inspector McClusky of the Detective Bureau wouldn't say whether or not he hoped to land his man soon. He did say, however, that he had no doubt that a sailor killed the woman. This sailor is the man who went to the hotel with her and, as far as the police know, was the last person to see her

SLAUGHTERHOUSE POINT. The hotel where the crime was committed is two blocks south of the East River Hotel. where the Shakespeare woman was killed and where, on Sept. 15 last, James Breen, now in Sing Sing, killed William Keyes, the hotelkeeper. The James street signs indicate that James Kelly is the proprietor, and the license is in his name. According to the neighborhood, Kelly is really the bartender, and the actual proprietor is one "Sock" Gleason. Capt. Lantry has arrested Kelly several times for excise violation. The captain says the place has not enough rooms to be a hotel and that he has arrested 300 women there in the course of his raids. The sailors along shore call the place "Slaughterhouse Point." It was into this place that the woman, who was known as Sarah Martin, went at

down in the back room. Kelly, who was behind the bar, knew her. Mrs. Kelly, who works around the place, knew her Mrs. Kelly says that she herself was in the back room when the woman came in. The only other regular attendant at the place is a woman who calls herself Mrs. Jennie Starr. Kelly says that she's the

about 10 o'clock Saturday night. She sat

THE SUPPOSED SWEDE APPEARS. According to the Kellys and Mrs. Starr, Sarah Martin was sitting at one of the tables when in walked a man about 40 years old—a Swede in appearance—5 feet 9 inches tall, of heavy build and broad shoulders and with a light sandy mustache. What struck Kelly most, he says, was the appearance of the man's eyes. Kelly says that they were small and that every once in a while they had "a wicked

housekeeper.

As he walked in. Kelly says, he had enough sailors. The man looked around a second, then went over and sat with Sarah Martin. There is no reason to believe that he know her. Pretty soon he called Kelly in "Want something to drink," he said. The man took beer, the woman whiskey

brought under his tarm and went to the toilet room. On the way he' met Mrs. Starr.

Not long after that the supposed sailor left

"You look like a girl I know," he said to She says that she didn't like his looks and that she shrank away. While he was away from the back room the Martin woman called Mrs. Kelly to her, gave her \$1, which she said she had received from her new

she said she had received from her new acquaintance, and said:

"We want a room." Mrs. Kelly, assigned them to Room 2. One side, of the hotel is on Water street. Room 2 is on that side and is on the second floor. The pair went up to the room about 10:30 o'clock and about 11 the man came downstairs, but soon went back. Not long after that Sarah Martin came down, partly dressed. She had no shoes on. She bought a pint of whiskey for 50 cents and she and Mrs. Kelly drank it in the back room.

Then the Martin woman went upstairs again. All the witnesses in the case say that they heard nothing more of the pair all that night.

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WOMAN FOUND BUTCHERED. About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Kelly went to the Oak street police station and told Capt. Lantry that a woman had been murdered at his hotel. Kelly said that the woman had been found dead by Mrs. Starr. Lantry and two of his detectives

Starr. Lantry and two of his detectives scurried around to the hotel.

The woman was dead and cold. Pulling down the coverlet with which she was covered, they came across four wounds, three of them mortal. There were two deep wounds in her throat, apparently made by a straight bladed knife. Across her breast, extending from armpit to armpit, was a gash three inches deep. In her abdomen was a large vertical wound.

There was nothing in the room to indicate, even slightly, that there had been a struggle. There was a bruise, made by a finger, perhaps, on the left side of the woman's chin, but that was all. Coroner Jackson thinks that she was killed while asleep.

Except for the bed, there wasn't a telltale splash of blood in the room. The tin washbasin contained some bloody water,

washbasin contained some bloody water, where the murderer had apparently washed his hands. There was a bloodstained napkin, wrapped up in a piece of paper.

CLUES LEAD BACK TO BRIDGEPORT. The police found two bundles, done up in ordinary brown paper, lying on the floor. One of them contained two outing shirts, stained with blood, and a cheap undershirt that was not stained. In the other bundle was a box containing a pair of well worn shoes. In this second bundle were also two purchase tickets of Meige & Co., Inc. of Bridgeport, Conn. One of these showed that the purchaser had got a pair of shoes for \$2.50, the other that he had bought a sweater for \$3. The checks are dated Dec. 19, Saturday.

In pencil on the paper that wrapped the shoe-box was written a name that looked like "Fred B. Beleno."

The police theory is that the man, after committing the murder, discarded his old outing shirt for the sweater and the old shoes for the new.

CENTRAL OFFICE SLEUTHS SUMMONED As soon as Lantry had got a fair start on the case he notified Inspector Schmitt-berger, Coroner Jackson and Assistant District Attorney Garvan, who went down